

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A device for making at least one mark comprising:

5 a length of tape having at least one hole disposed along said length at a predetermined location;

 a line disposed along said length such that at least a portion of said line spans said at least one hole; and

 a marking medium attached to said line.

10 2. The device of claim 1 wherein said line is attached to a free end of said length of tape.

3. The device of claim 1 wherein said length of tape comprises indicia at chosen locations.

4. The device of claim 1 further comprising:

15 a tape tip attached to a free end of said tape; and

 a line tip attached to a free end of said line, such that said line tip removably engages said tape tip.

5. The device of claim 1 further comprising:

20 a tape reel for holding at least a portion of said length of tape when said length of tape is stored; and

 a line reel for holding at least a portion of said line when said line is stored.

6. The device of claim 5 further comprising a spring retraction mechanism adapted to wind said length of tape onto said tape reel.

25 7. The device of claim 5 further comprising a lock mechanism adapted to lock said length of tape at a chosen location.

8. The device of claim 5 further comprising a crank handle engaged to said line reel adapted to retract said line onto said line reel when said crank handle is actuated.

30 9. The device of claim 8 wherein said crank handle is further adapted to retract said tape onto said tape reel when said crank handle is actuated.

10. The device of claim 1 further comprising a chalk reservoir adapted to dispense chalk onto said line.

11. The device of claim 1 further comprising an ink reservoir adapted to dispense ink onto said line.

5 12. The device of claim 1 wherein said tape reel and said line reel are mounted to a body.

13. The device of claim 1 having a tape compartment comprising said tape reel and a line compartment comprising said line reel wherein said tape compartment and said line compartment are separable.

10 14. A device for marking a plurality of marks comprising:

means for masking having a plurality of holes disposed along the length of said means for masking at predetermined intervals; and

means for dispensing a marking medium disposed along the length of said means for masking and further positioned such that at least a portion of said marking medium passes through said plurality of said holes.

15 15. The device of claim 14 wherein said means for masking comprises a free end and means for dispensing is attached to said free end of said means for masking.

16. The device of claim 14 wherein said means for masking comprises indicia at chosen locations.

20 17. The device of claim 14 wherein said means for masking comprises a free end and said means for dispensing comprises a line tip, said line tip adapted to removably engage said free end of said means for masking.

18. The device of claim 14 further comprising:

first means for storing at least a portion of said means for masking; and

25 second means for storing at least a portion of said means for dispensing.

19. The device of claim 18 further comprising a spring retraction mechanism adapted to retract said means for masking onto said first means for storing.

20. The device of claim 18 further comprising a lock mechanism adapted to lock said means for masking.

21. The device of claim 18 further comprising a crank handle engaged to said second means for storing adapted to retract said means for dispensing onto said second means for storing when said crank handle is actuated.

22. The device of claim 21 wherein said crank handle is further adapted to retract said means for masking onto said first means for storing when said crank handle is actuated.

23. The device of claim 14 further comprising a means for dispensing chalk onto said means for dispensing.

24. The device of claim 14 further comprising a means for dispensing ink onto said means for dispensing.

25. The device of claim 14 having a first compartment comprising first means for storing and a second compartment comprising said second means for storing wherein said first compartment and said second compartment are separable.

26. A method for making at least one mark on a surface comprising:

extending a tape having at least one hole over said surface;

spanning said at least one hole with a marking line having a marking medium;

withdrawing said marking line from said tape;

allowing said marking line to snap onto said tape such that at least some of said marking medium passes through said at least one hole onto said surface.

27. The method of claim 26 wherein said tape comprises indicia at chosen locations.

28. The method of claim 26 further comprising:

securing a free end of said tape using a tape tip; and

securing a free end of said marking line using a line tip.

29. The method of claim 28 wherein said line tip is adapted to removably engage said tape tip.

30. The method of claim 26 further comprising winding at least a portion of said tape onto a tape reel, said tape reel being connected to a spring retraction mechanism adapted to retract said tape onto said tape reel.

31. The method of claim 26 further comprising locking said tape with a lock mechanism.

32. The method of claim 26 further comprising actuating a crank handle to retract said line onto a line reel.

5 33. The method of claim 32 wherein said crank handle is further adapted to retract said tape onto a tape reel.

34. The method of claim 26 further comprising dispensing said marking medium onto said line using a reservoir.

35. The method of claim 26 wherein said marking medium is chalk.

10 36. The method of claim 26 wherein said marking medium is ink.